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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Monica Pugh <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Opposition to rule 8.4(g)

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Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Lawyers, like all Americans, have the right to their own opinions and the right to voice those opinions. Why are you targeting special groups of people to take their rights away. This is a violation of freedom of speech, freedom of press and freedom of exercising one's religion.

We do not and should not have to live in a country that we have to tip toe around because of what we say. We have a right to disagree. If you start implementing laws based on what people say because of other people's feelings, then you have undermined the option of debate which has been a long standing tradition in our country that has brought about change for the good of all. Mind sharpening mind even when people disagree. How about implementing a law based on the opposite point of view, a lawyer could lose his or her job for not saying publicly, "Marriage is between one man and one woman."

Do you see how ridiculous this is?

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,
Monica Pugh
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